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SLAV Geelong Branch Annual Report - 2017

Our first 2016 gathering for SLAV Geelong was on 15th March at Surf Coast Secondary College. After a brief AGM during which office bearers for 2017 were confirmed (all positions remain the same as 2016), members were shown a creative display of the wonderful Book Art created by Jenny Moss (Surf Coast SC). We were then encouraged to make our own take home Book Art. This was a productive and fun event enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday 9th August, members were treated to a Tech Toy session. We looked at Makey Makey's (alligator clip the internet to your world and start inventing the future) and how these were being used at Clonard College. Then broke smaller groups to experience;

- Cozmo – a little computer with a big brain and an even bigger personality
- Edison – the super affordable educational and programmable robot
- Little Bits – build games and learn to explore
- Oxmos – play beyond the screen – an interactive game system for iPads
- Ozobot – pocked sized bots, infinite possibilities

Feedback received was positive and a great way to see what other schools and libraries are doing regarding tech toys. A big thank you to our presenters – Jo Ryan, Maree MacDonald, Heather Carlin, Andrea McGucken and Leonie Stephenson

November 16th saw members visit Belmont High School for a Literary Evening with Shivaun Plozza. Shivaun entertained us with stories about how she wanted to become a writer and the road and jobs she has taken to get there. She gave insight into her own background and where she is now. Shivaun was very entertaining and we would have no hesitation in recommending her to other schools for presentations and writing workshops.

During 2017, the SLAV Geelong committee members continue to work professionally to ensure a range of Professional Development was available to all members. I would like to thank the committee for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm in providing the opportunities to our fellow members.

Leonie Stephenson

President

SLAV – Geelong Branch

South Western Branch – Convenor: Margaret Sinnott, Emmanuel College, Warrnambool

Four meetings were held of the South Western Branch of SLAV during 2017.

Meeting 1: Friday March 24 2017 – Hawkesdale P12 College

Seven people attended the SLAV South Western Branch Meeting on Thursday 23 March 2017 at Hawkesdale P 12 College. We had representatives from the following schools:

Hamilton and Alexandra College (Hamilton), St Mary's Primary School (Hamilton), a past staff member of Bayview College (Portland) who is looking to do local CRT in the Library, Hawkesdale P 12 School and Baimbridge College (Hamilton).

The main focus of the discussion/PD was audio books and ebooks. With a mix of primary schools and secondary schools, it was a good discussion. In use are: Epic (for ebooks), World Book ebooks, OverDrive and Wheelers, Bolinda cds and other cds, Rainbow reading (text and cd), Story Box. Some have gone with the deal that Wheelers are offering (about \$1000) that gives you a selection of ebooks that Wheelers manages – each school doesn't own them and Wheelers keeps the stock up to date. Some schools have been using Google translate to help students with hearing texts. It was noted that Wheelers ebooks were good because you could change the colour of the page that the text is on, the size of the font, type of font etc.

We also visited the Customs House Gallery, Hawkesdale, to see original artworks from many well known illustrators: Kerry Argent, Julie Vivas, Terry Denton, Graeme Base, Shaun Tan, Patricia Mullins to name a few.

<https://customshousegallery.com.au/>

Customs House Gallery.

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Hours: Sat and Sun 12-4pm.

Appointments at other times, including weekdays, welcome.

We also briefly discussed:

- the IFLA Survey – How libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda as sent out through oztl site
- Be In The Present book
- Gelli Print – Gelli Arts and Gelli Play
- Research Posters/Inquiry Posters from Syba Signs
- Raeco shelving
- merchandisinglibraries.com.au as mentioned by Kevin Hennah in PD

For next time we plan to look at Genres. Venue, date and time to be confirmed.



Hawkesdale P 12 Library



Customs House Gallery, Hawkesdale







Meeting 2: Thursday June 15 2017 – Heywood and District Secondary College

A South Western Branch Meeting was held at Heywood and District Secondary College on Thursday, June 15. The host was Vicki Gallpen. The meeting was held in the College Library. The school has 168 students, catering for students in Years 7-12. Schools represented were: Emmanuel College (Warrnambool), St Mary's Primary School (Hamilton) and Heywood and District Secondary College. Apologies were received from 13 different primary/secondary schools.

Points of Discussion were:

- Library design
- Executive Officer – SLAV and SLAV information from AGM
- 13 Reasons Why book and discussion about books being suitable for various ages
- The latest from Raeco (Scott Paulette in attendance) including the presentation of the latest Raeco LookBook v3.0
- Genrification

A meeting will be held in Term 3. Details to be confirmed.



The Supernatural genre section at Heywood and District Secondary College



A section of the Heywood and District Secondary College Library

Meeting 3: Monday 18 September 2017 – St John's Primary School, Dennington

Schools represented at the Branch Meeting were:

St John's Primary School (Dennington), St Patrick's Primary School (Port Fairy), MARC (Mobile Librarian), St Patrick's Primary School (Koroit), Mercy Regional College (Camperdown), Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School (Warrnambool East), St Mary's Primary School (Hamilton), Emmanuel College (Warrnambool), St Joseph's Primary School (Warrnambool).

Topics of Discussion:

- SLAV PD for Term 4 being offered in Melbourne
- A wrap up of all Book Week celebrations – what worked well, what would you like to try next year
- National Literacy and Numeracy Week – how did that go?
- Library Plans for Term 4 – Wheelers etc at Monivae College, Hamilton, Wednesday October 18 2017
- Horizon Report
- Horseywyse magazine
- Australian Standing Orders and choosing titles for your collection
- Something from the Host Library Staff
- IFLA Library Vision Survey – a call to complete it – nice and quick – 6 questions
- Free copies of FYI journals to be given out
- State Library of Victoria – Create Art History with State Library of Victoria
- Office Max display
- VALA Libraries Technology and the Future – 13-15 February 2017
- VCTL Redevelopment of Library Procedures Manual
- 5 min Librarian Podcasts
- 50 Must Have Picture Books to Teach Social Emotional Skills



Attendees at SLAV South Western Branch Meeting at St John's Primary School Library September 17



We also discussed:

- Picture books that links feelings/emotions (list from Emily)
- Google Plus Community for our group
- DOGO Books – book reviews by kids for kids
- Kids' Book Review
- Inside A Dog
- Dream Team books – Jo Stanley
- Free Library PDs Eventbrite.com.au Reading Centre (Celina's suggestion)
- Bachelor of Information studies
- 101 Books you must read before you grow up

Meeting 4: Monday 11 December 2017 – Hotel Warrnambool

Topics of Discussion:

- Social get together of Library staff to end the year
- SLAV PD
- SLAV Publication – Emily Lloyd feature in FYI
- Putting ourselves in print in 2018
- Plans for 2018 for SLAV Branch Meetings: eg Mobile Library van meeting (Macarthur?)
- New Footy Stars series by Matt Porter – ‘Stephanie Chiocci and the Cooper’s Hill Cheese Chase’

AGM SLAV Pakenham Group Branch Report 2017 - 2018

Co –convenors - Michelle Nye, Eileen Cooney, Sue Dracoulas & Anne Fuller

In 2016 we had 93 people on our database. In 2017 this has grown to become 75 members, 53 non members and 4 retired members. However, attendance has been low this year. There is still work to be done on who are current staff represented by each membership. It would seem we are again needing to update staff contact details and ensure bursars and other non-library staff are removed from the list. This can be done over the course of the year via a google form. Another initiative made by this branch was to include time at the end of each meeting for some Q

Personally over the last 12 months we have grown in strength and due to clear forward planning we have had pleasing attendance at our Pakenham SLAV meetings. 2017 is fully planned and at the next meeting we will hold our AGM and if reelected I plan to work on a strong vision cast for 2018. Michelle Nye

2017

Summary Term 1

CBCA Judges Talk at St Peter's College hosted by Angela Gargano – Head of Library. 16 Attendees enjoyed a CBCA Judges Talk from Heather Zubek (Information Books Judge) and Amanda Cooper (Early Childhood Judge) who spoke to us about the judging process and explained the long list with us. It was a very pleasing night with some terrific questions asked.

Summary Term 2

Nossal Secondary College was the venue for this meeting and we discussed the topic of *Library Process, Systems and Programs* with Kamla Reddy who is the Head of Library at this school. 19 Attendees then heard from a variety of guest speakers;

- Info Data Base – Johnathan Fredman
- Learning Fields – Michelle O'Brien
- Digital citizenship eLearning program & book – Casper Pieters

Summary Term 3

Sue Dracoulas, the Head of Library at Nazareth College hosted this meeting. 15 Attendees shared further on topics not covered in enough depth in this meeting. Casper Pieter explained his digital citizenship eLearning program & book with great enthusiasm and helped make connections to the Book Week theme – Escape to Everywhere theme. Sue Dracoulas shared with us her Myreading program. Eileen Cooney shared the SLAV Council Feedback & Games & App Challenge.

Summary Term 4

Lynne Moller, the Teacher Librarian at Gleneagles Secondary College hosted this meeting. 14 Attended a Visual Literacy Lesson – a real lesson led for us by Lynne Moller. We also heard about the recent SLAV Council Report from Eileen Cooney who also gave us feedback about the Games and Apps Challenge that she was involved with.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CBCA Invoiced SLAV for 2017 Term 1 Judges Talk - submitted for payment

Note from Annual Report 2016/7: Individuals are authorised to spend up to \$50 dollars with approval from one member of the Exec via email. Amount above \$50 dollars (EG gifts) should be agreed upon in email by 2 or more exec members. Anything over \$100 (eg Speaker) needs to be approved by branch meeting.

Branch meetings for 2018

Term 1 – 5th March at Hillcrest Christian College, 500 Soldiers Road, Clyde North

Term 2 – 29th May at Officer Secondary College – 1 Parker Street, Officer

Term 3 – 5th September at Bunjil Place Library – Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren

Term 4 – 15th November Berwick Mechanics Library – 15 High Street, Berwick – tour and End of Year dinner at the Berwick Pub

Ballarat Branch Annual 2017 Report

Branch Convenors: Julia Petrov & Leonie Darken – St Patrick's College

Term 1

March 9, 2017 Host - Loreto College

At our first meeting this year we discussed a variety of eResources we feel are valuable to our school communities. We also discussed many of the trials and tribulations associated with Term One. Despite the busy time of year, we were pleased that we had 11 members attend.

March 15, 2017 CBCA Clayton's Night – Ballarat CBCA supported by Ballarat SLAV

A great night of predictions and professional networking, the evening was well supported by many SLAV members, English teachers and people involved in the broader library network in Ballarat.

Term 2

June 7th, Branch AGM - Lake View Hotel

Our AGM was well attended with lots of interesting conversations and ideas shared. Our office bearer positions have remained the same and we thanked the Executive Team members Marcia Phillips and Melissa Dunely for their ongoing service.

Our focus was on resourcing the Victorian Curriculum. We also had reports from Sovereign Hill by Annemaire Kierce and CBCA by Fiona Kieni-Judd.

May 13, CBCA Judge's Talk – Sovereign Hill

We continued our support of the Ballarat branch's CBCA Judge's talk. Hosted by Sovereign Hill, we were lucky to have 3 judges present a comprehensive and engaging summary of shortlisted books.

Term 3



September 13, SLAV branch meeting- Damascus College

We enjoyed seeing the newly refurbished library and Loretta Kavel gave us an informative tour.

BFX Educational Furniture presented a range of products and ideas for implementation. They also sponsored our afternoon tea.

Other areas discussed were:

Sharing our Book Week experiences

Library displays presented by Marcia Phillips

Highlights from the SLAV Conference Making the most of data: Collecting, visualizing, applying

Virtual reality, genre-fication of fiction and signage.

With 15 people attending it was a very productive and enjoyable meeting.

Term 4

November 29, 2017 Guest speaker and Christmas celebration - St Patrick's College

Many Ballarat branch members came together to celebrate the end of the school year and to hear award winning author Cath Crowley. Engaging and interesting, Cath talked about the process she went through when writing "Words in Deep Blue" and her experience writing the collaborative work, "Take Three Girls" with Fiona Wood and Simmone Howell. Cath was very generous with her time, answered our numerous questions and signed our books. We enjoyed a light supper afterwards and members had a chance to catch up, share expertise and memorable moments of 2017.



Cath Crowley (Centre) with SLAV's Ballarat Branch 2017

Northern Metro Term One Report

March 2018

Our Term 1 Northern Metro meeting was highly productive and had a strong turnout. The meeting started with a round-table discussion about our respective libraries, including what was new, the pressures, and the often lack of understanding regarding school libraries. For example one library is primarily used as a space for integration students which significantly reduces its usability for the majority of the student population. It was recommended that a Chill-out Zone be created to support integration students and allow the library to return to its primary purpose. Another member discussed their schools' introduction of the finger scan system (through *Oliver*). The member from Parade College explained the features of their new campus library (including five levels, elevator, a single desk at the front).

Reina then conveyed news from the Term 1 SLAV committee meeting; requesting all members to update their details, our new partnership with IASL and the benefits it provides, the blossoming SLAV mentor program, the upcoming Reading Forum at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar and finally a request for a new co-convenor to replace Alexia when she goes on maternity leave at the end of Term 2.

The meeting ended with a sharing of ideas; a UNO championship, joining Library Reading programs with the School House program, a visit to Kikki K to buy their ex-display materials for cheap, introducing library monitors and parent volunteers to assist with displays, providing a pamphlet on what is happening in the school library and why they are important, as well as a freddo frog to every staff member on Library Lovers' day.

Future meeting themes were discussed. Everyone enjoys sharing ideas together and workshopping on specific themes or topics in an informal setting. All agreed it could not be underestimated how important a space to discuss our library issues and problems were and to brainstorm possible solutions.

SLAV Mornington Peninsula Branch 2017 Report

At present we have 47 members

Treasurer's Report attached – as at March, 2018.

2017 Branch Meetings

Term 1 – Toorak College – AGM & discussion on goal setting (both personal and for Library)

- 2017 branch positions - President – Cairistiona Tait, Secretary – Robyn Stark, Treasurers - Patricia Bernardo & Janet Mitchell.
- Goal setting - A general discussion on why we need goals and the importance of presenting them to our administration teams. Also the need for evaluation and that the goals need to be fluid and a flexible work in progress.

Term 2 – Mount Eliza Secondary College - focus on CBCA Book Week, reading awards, etc.

- Ideas shared regarding Book Week displays and books
- Other book awards, festivals and talks in 2017 that members were attending – Inky Awards, Reading Matters, MWF and CBCA Judges talks
- Discussion regarding 'set' texts used in schools and difficulties faced by some in choosing titles, especially Year 7 titles that may have been used widely in primary schools

Term 3 – Dromana College - with guest speaker Danielle Binks

- Danielle's talk and presentation was interesting and entertaining. This meeting was opened to other school staff members and very well attended. Danielle's presentation covered Middle Grade books, and 'hooking' reluctant readers; books and social media; diversity in YA and 'revitalising' our library shelves/collections; and information about the #LoveOzYA Movement.

Term 4 – John Paul College – discussions re: SLAV Conference and library staffing.

- Retirement of members Janienne Woodbridge and Marion Robinson who were both thanked for their many years of involvement in the Branch both as members and as branch secretary/president.
- Highlights of the SLAV Conference 'Real Libraries: Reading the world' from those who attended.
- General discussion was held around the current staffing levels of school libraries. There seems to be a general trend towards replacing Teacher Librarian's with Education Support staff.

Thank you to all members of the branch for their contributions to our meetings and their support towards each other throughout the year. We look forward to continuing this in 2018.

Lynn Swannell

Secretary

SLAV Mornington Peninsula Branch

24 April 2018

**SLAV Peninsula Branch
Current Expenditure 2017**

Balance brought forward 1/1/2017		\$ \$ 423.79
YEAR 2017	Income:	\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
YEAR 2017	Payments:	
23/3/2017	Toorak (SLAV AGM Peninsula refreshments)	\$ 00.00
22/6/2017	Mount Eliza SC (SLAV Peninsula refreshments)	\$ 75.00
14/9/2017	Dromana College (SLAV Peninsula refreshments) + The World Wide Art Gallery catering	\$ 59.84 \$ 100.00
30/11/2017		\$ 100.00 \$ \$
	Sub total	\$ 334.84
30/01/2018	Current Balance TOTAL	\$ 88.95

SLAV Western Metro Annual Report 2018

The Western Metro Branch continues to meet each term trying to alternate meetings between the north and south of the region.

Term 1 2017

Topic: Continuing professional learning

Venue: Taylors Hill Primary School

Comments: The meeting commenced with Council issues and a tour.

This school is a public/private partnership and there was some focus on how this works (very well by all accounts!)

The presentation was on continued learning and where to find it. This included formal courses, single subject study, professional reading, online courses, MOOCs and professional organisation membership and its benefits. There was also some discussion of the SLAV Mentoring program.

Term 2 2017

Topic: CBCA Judge's talk

Venue: Westbourne Grammar School, Truganina

Comments: The CBCA judge will present for the whole session. As per the last two years we will beam the talk to the Northern Region via a link to Galen College Bendigo. We are also trialling having extra single users login to the feed so that we can test this for upcoming meetings. We are using ZOOM software.

Term 3 2017:

Topic: Library student leaders

Venue: Copperfield College, Delahey Campus

Comments: This meeting was very well attended with at least 20 members. We started with a "what's happening at our library" which made for some great discussion. One new library found this an opportunity to find assistance and support from colleagues.

The main discussion was on how we use "Library assistants" or "Library leaders" in both primary and secondary contexts.

Term 4 2017:

Topic: Raeco Book covering workshop

Venue: Springside P-9 College

Comments: This was open to all library staff including volunteers. A group of about 10 attended and the session was practical and well received.

Topic: Bookshop visit and breakup

Venue: Yarraville Younger Sun Bookshop followed by dinner

Comments: At least 14 attended this session. Books were discussed. Money was spent. Dinner was terrific. Some great networking happened.

Positions:

Catherine Ryan and Gabrielle Douglas have retired as co-convenors. They have handed the reins to Karen Malbon and Bronwen Ch'Ng

SLAV Eastern Metro Branch Report to SLAV Council

2017 Annual General Meeting Report (12 May 2018)

SLAV Eastern Metropolitan Branch met three times in 2017. Branch meetings can be an effort but the rewards are there. Getting to know and support each other at a local level is invaluable especially when we interact constantly on a global basis. Knowing your neighbouring school library staff provides opportunities to exchange common ideas and issues.



Term 1 meeting, 2 March 2017

Hosted by Dymocks, Camberwell, approximately 14 members attended the meeting to hear guest speaker Sarah Bloedorn from [Vision Australia](#) address the issue of equity of access and alternative reading options for students with vision impairments. Peer sharing of in-school experience is always a valuable component of SLAV professional learning and we thank Julie Pagliaro and Rhonda Powling for sharing their experience.

Children and Youth Services Librarian, Sarah Bloedorn, from [Vision Australia](#) gave an excellent presentation on how their organisation can support students, who have vision difficulties, with reading. She showed us what text looks like for a dyslexic student, how daisy text works and the app which students download in order to access their huge library collection of resources.

Following her presentation, Julie Pagliaro gave a presentation on how her colleague, Liz Halpin, from St Kevin's College, has been successfully using audio books with students in Years 7 & 8. This has not only been helpful to students who have learning disorders, but also as a way of engaging students with reading. The presentation contained lots of hints and practical ways of easily implementing this idea. Rhonda Powling had prepared an excellent presentation on how she has successfully assisted students with dyslexia and [Irlen Syndrome](#).

Members enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea at the Firechief Pizzeria, courtesy of [Dymocks Camberwell](#), and many members took the opportunity to do some book buying from Dymocks where they enjoyed a 20% discount off all regular priced books. Thanks to Dymocks for their continued support of our branch.

Term 3 Meeting - 2 August 2017 – Avila College

Di O'Neill and Camilla Elliott lead the discussion through the use of databases and online news sources. Schools all do this differently according to our library budgets and online configurations. Discussion covered:

- Databases available - some new, some old ([Digital Theatre Plus](#))
- State Library of Vic access if you don't have the budget
- Digital Age, use of RSS and permalinks in EBSCO and GALE resources, and others, to receive updates and share resources out to students and staff
- Use of Single Sign On to facilitate access - (also federated searching which we forgot to mention)
- SLASA Referencing Generator - embed it for easy access
- Diigo links on SLAV website give you easy access to Fake news and other bookmarked resources
- [Dataliteracy strategies for addressing fake news](#) circulated by Kristin Fontichiaro - (who present at SLAV Conference August 2017)

Term 4, 2017 - 28 November 2017

2017 concluded with a branch dinner meeting at Bucatini Restaurant, Mitcham. This has become our preferred way to end the year as it offers a chance for discussion and sharing ideas over a meal. Discussion topics covered included:

- **Collection Management Policies.** How do you handle those novel/film challenges with books such as 'IT' by Stephen King? The range of discussion was informative. The importance of having a current/relevant Collection Management Policy. How it's essential to have a clearly established Goals and Purpose for the Library and the Library's place in the Role and Vision of the school as a whole. Sample policies were shared. Faye Paterson discussed the Collection Rubric being developed by ALIA and others. We also discussed the value and use of a Challenged Items process. All helpful.
- **Library Hours:** How they are managed with staffing is interesting especially when open until 8.00 pm. Obviously, this is a channel of communication with school administration that needs to be clear and open.
- **Recommended Reading:** There is so much great reading out there for young people, member Anne Fuller is a wealth of knowledge, in fact there were many great contributions. **Some** recommendations discussed:
 - [The Road to Winter](#) by Mark Smith
 - [Private Peaceful](#) by Michael Morpurgo
 - [Bro](#) by Helen Chebatte

- The Boy at the Top of the Mountain by John Boyne (author of Boy in the Striped Pyjamas)
- Loyal Creatures by Morris Gleitzman
- The Eagle Trail by Robert Rigby
- Cowards by Marcus Sedgwick
- Author visit recommendations from Julie were also most helpful.

During the year we continued to communicate with branch members through the SLAV Eastern Ning. Our major goal as a branch is to encourage as large a range of members to meetings as possible. We have a group of regulars who support branch meetings and welcome any SLAV members interested in attending.

Camilla Elliott (Mazenod College)

Co-Convenor SLAV Eastern Branch with Julie Pagliaro (St Kevin's College) and Rhonda Powling (Whitefriars College)

Contact details on the SLAV Website, Branches, Eastern Metro.

Branch news portal - <http://slav-eastern.ning.com/>

Goulburn Valley Branch Report

The Goulburn Valley Branch met three times in 2017,

Our first meeting was held at Mooroopna Secondary College, where we discussed what the various schools did for Year 7 Library orientation, and to introduce other new staff and students to the library. We also discussed various methods used for the promotion of reading. There was also discussion about the eLibrary that is a cooperative venture between all of the five schools in attendance at the meeting.

Our second meeting was held at Wanganui Park Secondary College, where we discussed choosing novels, and catering to all users, including talking about those voices which are under-represented and how we can address them. A selection of books purchased by WPSC were on display, with voices representing grief, depression, homosexuality, homophobia, mental illness, bullying, sexual identity, coming out, transitioning, disability, terminal illness, relationships, etc. This led to a discussion on the importance of having collection development policy, to guide book selection and to answer any challenges from staff or parents over having particular titles on the shelves. It was felt that if a professional body, e.g. Headspace, advised against stocking a particular book, (that may be requested by a student, or follow from a popular program, e.g. on Netflix) then that would be sufficient to not purchase the book.

Our third meeting was held at Shepparton High School, and it was with pleasure that we welcomed a new member to our meeting, Melanie Schols who was appointed to Numurkah Secondary College this year. Prior to Melanie's arrival there was discussion about the proposed new 'super school' and what that might mean for the school involved, and then during the meeting proper we shared ideas for Book Week.

Janelle Collins

SLAV Goulburn Valley representative

SLAV Bendigo Branch Report 2017

Branch Co-Convenor – Sharon Wallace

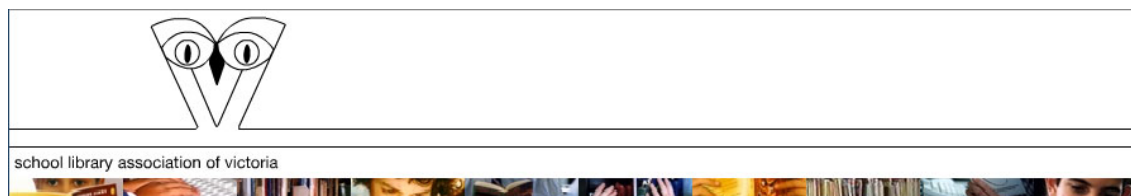
We held termly Branch meetings at different School libraries and local cafes and participants shared what was happening in their Library.

We did not hold a network day in 2017

Jennifer Street attended some Branch council meetings but resigned from the position at the end of the Year as she retired.

We will continue to hold termly meetings in 2018 and attempt to hold a Network day.

Our AGM for 2018 is scheduled for March 22nd.



BENDIGO BRANCH School Library Association of Victoria

MINUTES: AGM 2018

Meeting		Date: 22/3/2018	Time started: 4.15 pm	Time finished: 4.40 pm	Location: BSSC Library	
Present		Sharon Wallace, Sharon Marchingo, Cheryl Fitzpatrick, Lisa Oliver, Connie Greblo, Julie Willis, Shona Cornwell, Jenn Neeham, Donna Christie, Kathryn Harrison				
Apologies		Mary Preston, Helen Quinn, Jenni Greblo, Jenny Ashby, Julie Holt, John McCullough, Brenda Drury, Christine Cananzi				
No	Item	Presenter	Details	Critical Dates	Action	
1.	Minutes from the previous meeting	Sharon Wallace	Moved: Lisa Oliver Seconded: Connie Greblo			
2.	Convener’s Report	Sharon Wallace	2017 was a quiet year. We meet termly and chatted about each Library and where we were at with less staff and less \$ in our budgets. As always it was good to visit other school Libraries for inspiration. We didn’t hold a network meeting. Jennifer Street went to some Council meetings but at least half were held via email. She has resigned from the position of Council rep as she retired last year.			
3.	Election of new office bearers		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Convener Nominations: Sharon Wallace Moved: Connie Greblo Seconded: Julie Willis			

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branch Council Rep Nominations: Sharon Marchingo Moved: Cheryl Drury Seconded: Lisa Oliver 		
4	General Business		<p>Where we are at - General discussion - staffing and Term 1 in each Library.</p> <p>Crusoe College – Sharon Marchingo Further cuts this year to Sharon's time in the Library she is now .4 Library and .6 teaching. The question was raised; What has the union ever done for School Libraries?</p> <p>Strathdale PS – Cheryl Fitzpatrick - time to see students/classes has been reduced, does not see Grade 5/6 or 3/4 at all they need to borrow before/after school. No planning time. Very little budget and no tech support. Relies heavily on volunteers.</p> <p>Bendigo Senior Secondary College – Connie Greblo – A new Library – all T/Ls are teaching and all technical staff are part time.</p> <p>Camp Hill Primary – Donna Christie - 2 days Library time.</p> <p>Network Day: We briefly touched on the possibility of someone volunteering to host a network day. Think about it and we will discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>General consensus that staffing is decreasing.</p> <p>Julie Willis – Danny Willis has written and illustrated a book The Great Bendigo Mystery, a picture information book, he is self published and has sent emails to all school principals</p>		

			in Bendigo but got no reply. We suggested he send straight to school Libraries. Thanks to BSSC for hosting and the tour.		
	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	Next meeting term 2 TBA			

SLAV Central Metro Branch Report to SLAV Council

2018 Annual General Meeting Report

SLAV Central Metro Branch met three times in 2017. The fundamental aims of the Central Branch is to provide networking opportunities for school library staff in our region and to provide informal professional learning and more importantly facilitate discussion and the sharing of ideas and resources. The Central Metro Branch continues to attract good numbers to its meetings.

Term 1, 2017

There was no meeting held.

Term 2, 2017

The **Term 2** meeting was held at Loretto Mandeville Hall, Toorak, on May 25. Amanda Cooper, Victorian Judge, for the CBCA Book of the Year Awards 2017 addressed the 15 attendees and delivered her Judges Talk. Amanda spoke in depth about the Younger and Older Readers and Picture Books Categories. Great discussion took place regarding the suitability of the shortlisted books for various ages and audiences.

Term 3, 2017

The **Term 3** SLAV Central Branch meeting was held at Xavier College, Kew, on Thursday 7th September. This was an opportunity for the 13 members in attendance to informally network while discussing all things books and reading. This included a “show and share” of what their school library did in its reading program, how each promotes literature, genrefication of collections and how they encourage book recommendations for students (and staff)

Term 4, 2017

The **Term 4** SLAV Central Metro Branch meeting was held on Thursday 26th October at Bialik College, Hawthorn East. Roxanne Ciddor kindly opened up her school library makerspace and presented her journey in creating a school library makerspace. Roxanne encouraged the 15 members in attendance to get their “maker on” and take part in the hands on maker session. Roxanne had various stations set up and demonstrated the range of activities that students could undertake around the themed days of “Maker Monday”, “Techie Tuesday”, “Low Tech Wednesday” and “3D Thursday”.



SLAV Metro South Annual Report for 2017 year

2017 was a pretty good year for SLAV Metro South Group. Attendance was reasonably high and discussions were cordial, fruitful and educational.

Term 1 (16 attendees)

First meeting for Term 1 2017 was at Star of the Sea in Gardenvale, Kris Patterson hosted. The topic was centred around Star's LMS moving from BiblioTech to AccessIT, and what was required to make the move a successful one. Kris did a fantastic presentation with lots of useful and relevant information for anyone moving to a new system. Several other members shared experiences and advice about changing systems and it was an illuminating and positive discussion.

Term 2 (15 attendees)

The term 2 meeting was held at Mentone Girls Grammar School, hosted by David Feighan. David gave a tour of the rejuvenated library space and discussed the arrangement of the MGGS non-fiction section into Australian Curriculum defined areas, and also the move to OCLC and fully federated searching on an international cloud-based catalogue. David discussed the importance of industry-standard cataloguing records so that the sharing of information with other member libraries of OCLC was as seamless as possible. He also showcased how he reports statistical data to the principal and showed what a whiz he is with Excel Pivot tables.

Term 3 (19 attendees)

Meeting was held at St Leonard's College and hosted by Dianne Clifford and Lydia Holmes. Dianne gave us a tour of the new Cornish Library space, which is substantial. Then we sat down and Dianne took us through the design process from beginning to end. It was a revealing and at times shocking discussion as Dianne and Lydia detailed how some of the decisions were made about what to put where. It is clear when looking at the space, that some decisions were not made in the best interests of the building's purpose. That said, there were many interesting

design features for us to take in, especially in terms of signage and study spaces. The architect's goal of aesthetic over function won out in some cases, but the overall result is still a pretty fantastic library space, used almost constantly by the student population.

Term 4 (13 attendees)

Our AGM was held at Brown Cow in Hampton and Sue Osborne was re-elected as convenor. Penny Roberts was unanimously elected as minute secretary. Dates and themes for 2018 were decided and Sue was thanked for her work as convenor. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

Sue Osborne

Metro South Convenor.

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Term 1: We met at Grey Street PS where Erin has been genrefying her collection. She explained the process she undertook including taking student ideas and recommendations. She used the advice of Kevin Hennah and was one of the first Primary Schools to be taken on as a project by him. She was able to answer all our questions and we were able to admire both the changes in the place and the resources she has set up for using the library including little safe nooks and crannies the children love to work in at lunchtime.

Term 2: We had Heather Zubek visit and speak to us about the CBCA notable and short list. As always this event attracted many from the region.

Also in Term Two we were privileged to have a visit from Leigh Hobbs the Australian Children's Laureate. He visited 7 different schools and the Latrobe Library as well as an evening session for children, parents and teachers. We provided accommodation and chauffeuring for Leigh which he appreciated.

Term 3: The meeting was held at the Traralgon College Junior Campus in their new Digital Learning Hub (DLH).

During this meeting members were invited to experience the technologies available in the DLH which included flying drones, trying VR glasses, interacting with LEGO robots, trying out the editing room green screen & editing computers, becoming acquainted with the 3D printers and taking part in a breakout session - like a break out room but you break in!

Term 4: We met at Stockdale Rd PS for an end of year get together. We discussed our experiences of Book Week and other highlights of the year. We also planned 2018 including another author visit.